

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments, which have greatly
5 assisted Applicant in responding.

2. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to cancel and amend the
Claims solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner
consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In
10 making such cancellation and amendment, Applicant has not and does not in any way
narrow the scope of protection to which Applicant considers the invention herein to be
entitled. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later
point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in
this submission.

3. 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C.
§102(e) as being anticipated by *Win et al* (6,161,139).

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

20 Wan does not teach nor contemplate that the request to gain access to the resource is
only submitted once and does not have to be resubmitted for new employees or
members who join the job/role/workgroup in the future. Wan does not teach or
contemplate that it is the job profile that is granted authorization and access to a
25 resource profile, and not the individual.

Applicant has amended the independent claims to further clarify the invention. Also,
Applicant cancels Claim 11 without prejudice and has incorporated it into independent
Claim 10. Support is found in the Specification as follows and no new matter is added.

30 (On page 9, lines 14-18)

After the resource owners have authorized their resources within a resource
profile, users that are associated with job profiles that are assigned to the
resource profile are automatically given all the access rights that are specified in
35 the resource profile.

(On page 11, lines 7-9)

A manager may create a job profile, which may include workgroups, jobs, projects, roles, or any other object construct that represents a job function or functions.

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(On page 12 line 23 through page 13, line 10)

Resource Owner Role

Resource owners, also known as a security liaisons, are responsible for specifying inclusion and exclusion access policies to their respective computing resources. A resource owner may approve grants access policies submitted by the managers. A resource owner should certify/verify jobs, workgroups, people, etc. who have access to his or her resources. A resource owner may certify/verify the exclusion policies. A resource owner may certify/verify his or her resources. This means, if a resource is obsolete, the development group should notify the resource owner. A resource owner may make a resource obsolete/inactive, so no one can get access to the resource. A resource owner also may participate in building access rules for his or her resources.

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(On page 13, lines 18-20)

After a manager receives approval from the resource owner, the manager may assign his or her team members to those jobs/workgroups according to the team members' roles and responsibilities.

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(On page 14, lines 21-22)

A requestor is a user to whom a manager has delegated access request authority/function. This user may register a new user and assign him to an existing job code.

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(On page 16, lines 18-19)

Once a resource profile and a job profile are created, or using existing profiles, they may be assigned to each other by a manager.

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In view of the amendment to the claims and to the argument herein above, Applicant is of the opinion that Claims 1-32 are in allowable condition. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the present invention to be distinguished
5 from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's
withdrawal of the rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a
Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore
allowed to issue as a United States patent. The Examiner is invited to call to discuss
the response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees
10 due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1445.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 11 without prejudice.

5 Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A method for requesting approval for accessing a resource in a system of resources, comprising the steps of:

10 creating a resource profile including at least one resource, wherein said resource profile has an owner;

creating a job profile that is related to at least one user;

assigning said job profile to said resource profile; and

15 ~~requesting a resource owner of said resource profile to approve access to said resource profile assigned to said job profile, such that a user assigned to said job profile gains approval for accessing said at least one resource included in said resource profile.~~

requesting once that said resource owner approve said job profile to access said resource profile, such that any user assigned to said job profile automatically gains approval and access to said at least one resource included in said resource profile.

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2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said requesting step automatically originates from said assigning step.

25 3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said resource profile includes at least one computing device.

4. (original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said resource profile includes at least one software module.

30 5. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one job.

6. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one role.

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7. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one project.
8. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one workgroup.
9. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one responsibility.
10. (currently amended) A method for authorizing and providing a user access to a resource in a system, comprising the steps of:
 ~~assigning said a user to a job profile that relates to said user; and~~
 once assigning a said job profile to a resource profile, wherein said resource profile that includes said a resource, wherein said resource profile has an owner, and
 wherein said job profile is approved by said resource owner and granted access to said resource,
 assigning a user to said job profile that relates to said user, such that said user automatically gains approval for and accessing to said resource included in said resource profile[[:]].
11. (canceled)
12. (currently amended) The method of Claim 10, further including granting an account to said user for accessing said approved resource.
13. (currently amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein said account is automatically provided following said assigning said user to said approved job profile.
14. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said resource profile includes at least one computing device.
15. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said resource profile includes at least one application software.
16. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one job.

17. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one role.
- 5 18. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one project.
19. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one workgroup.
- 10 20. (currently amended) A method of approving access to a resource profile in a system, comprising the steps of:
receiving a request for a job profile to accessing said resource profile;
evaluating said request by a resource owner of said resource profile; and
15 deciding once to grant access approval such that if access approval is granted, future accesses of said resource profile by members of said job profile do not need approval by said resource owner.
21. (original) The method of Claim 20, wherein said deciding step includes
20 restricting said resource profile to be accessed by a certain job profile.
22. (currently amended) A system for accessing computing resources, comprising:
at least one user terminal;
at least one database including at least one application software;
25 at least one computing device;
means for creating a resource profile including said at least one database and said at least one application software, wherein said resource profile has at least one owner;
means for creating a job profile related to at least one user;
30 means for assigning said resource profile to said job profile;
means for approving once said job profile access to said resource profile by said at least one resource owner; and
means for providing any member assigned to said job profile automatically gains access to at least one resource included in said resource profile.
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23. (original) The computer system of Claim 22, further implemented on a network environment.

24. (original) The computer system of Claim 23, wherein said network
5 environment further comprising Internet.

25. (original) The method of Claim 4, wherein at least one of said resource profile, said computing device, and said software module is owned by various resource owners.

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26. (currently amended) A method for building a resource profile, comprising the steps of:

determining whether a plurality of resources may be grouped together in a resource profile; and

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grouping said plurality of resources in said resource profile if such grouping is allowed, such that if access approval is granted once to an authorized job profile for said resource profile, future accesses by said authorized job profile of said resource profile do not need access approval.

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27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said determining step further includes checking against an exclusion rule.

28. (currently amended) The method of claim 27, further including:

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~~Indicating~~ indicating that said resource profile may not be built if said grouping is not allowed under said exclusion rule.

29. (currently amended) A method for assigning a job profile to a resource profile, comprising the steps of:

determining whether a job profile may be assigned to a resource profile; and

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one time assigning said job profile to said resource profile if such assignment is allowed, such that a user assigned to said job profile gains automatic approval for accessing said resource profile.

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30. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said determining step further includes checking against an exclusion rule.

31. (currently amended)The method of claim 27, further including:

~~Indicating~~ indicating that said job profile may not be assigned to said resource profile if said assignment is not allowed under said exclusion rule.

5 32. (currently amended)A computer readable medium embodying a method for requesting approval for accessing a resource in a system of resources, said method comprising the steps of:

creating a resource profile including at least one resource, wherein said resource profile has an owner;

10 creating a job profile that is related to at least one user;

assigning said job profile to said resource profile; and

~~requesting a resource owner of said resource profile to approve access to said resource profile assigned to said job profile, such that a user assigned to said job profile gains approval for accessing said at least one resource included in said resource profile.~~

15 requesting once that said resource owner approve said job profile to access said resource profile, such that any user assigned to said job profile automatically gains approval and access to said at least one resource included in said resource profile.